

QA-72
Charles Leager Farm
Hayden
Private

2nd quarter 19th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Charles Leager Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Hayden-Hope Road

CITY, TOWN

Hayden

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles E. Leager

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RT#1, Box 49A

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 145

Folio #: 250

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland 21617

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Charles Leager Farm is located on the west side of the Hayden-Hope Road approximately 1/4 mile south of Hayden.

The early house on the Leager farm is constructed of brick, 1 1/2 stories high, three bays wide, and one room deep. A single flush brick chimney is centered on the southeast gable of the gambrel roof. A late 19th century two story frame addition projects from the southeast gable. This wing rests on a continuous brick foundation and is now covered with aluminum siding. A more recent kitchen wing has been added to the rear wall of the frame addition.

The front facade of the original house faces northeast toward the road. It is laid in five-course bond with a two-course corbeled brick cornice but no watertable. All four exterior walls have been heavily whitewashed. There is a door in the right bay of this facade, with two 6/6 windows to the left, and two shed roof 6/6 dormers on the second floor. The door originally had a transom, but the opening has been blocked

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

by a modern one story open porch on a concrete block foundation. Early door and window frames remain on all first floor openings. There are no windows on the northwest gable. The brickwork is five-course bond, and the gable eaves have been rebuilt with a box cornice replacing the original rakeboards. The rear facade is also five-course bond with a corbeled cornice. An original door in the left bay has been bricked in, leaving two 6/6 windows to the right and two 6/6 dormers on the second floor. There is a small cellar window opening to right of center and a modern bulkhead cellar entrance below the original door opening.

The interior has been completely renovated in recent years. The original side hall, single parlor plan has been opened up into a single large living room. The only early fabric surviving is a very fine Greek Revival mantel on the southeast gable wall of the first floor, similar to the mantel in the wing of the Marion Leaverton Farm (QA-227). It has tapered columns supporting paneled sideblocks and a molded shelf. The frieze is wide, with a scalloped profile molding running horizontally between the sideblocks. The

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

dominant molding on the shelf is a flattened Greek ogee.

There is a full cellar under the original house, with a blocked fireplace on the southeast gable wall. A large brick hearth has survived in front of the opening, and evidence of brick paving remains in the corner to the right of the fireplace. Seams in the foundation in this corner identify the original bulkhead entrance location. The cellar walls were plastered, and the ghost of an original cellar stair can be seen in the northwest corner, below the first floor stair hall. The first floor joists run parallel to the gable under the parlor, but run perpendicular to the gable under the stair hall and are framed in for the original stair opening, making it possible to reconstruct the original floor plan with some precision.

Meat house

A log meat house 10 feet wide by 12 1/2 feet long stands to the south of the house. It is constructed of hewn logs rather than hewn and pit sawn log planks. The logs are generally hewn flat on two sides, with the top and bottom face left round. They average

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

six inches by eight to ten inches and have V-notch corner notching. The exterior walls are covered with plain horizontal weatherboards secured to vertical nailers with wire nails. The upper gables are covered with wide weatherboards laid flush and nailed with wire nails. The tapered rakeboards are probably reused. The only opening is a heavy batten door in the center of the southeast gable. The roof is 50° in pitch, and framed with four roughly hewn rafter pairs. The rafters are secured at the ridge with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints and rest on flat false plates, which are in turn supported by heavy hewn joists notched over the wall plates. The gable studs are 20th century replacements secured with wire nails. The building is still used for curing ham. The meat is hung in cloth sacks from rough sapling poles which are suspended with wire from scabbed-on collar beams. Six hams are hung in this fashion, with three more hanging from poles nailed to the undersides of the rafters near the ridge.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

4/18/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

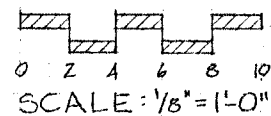
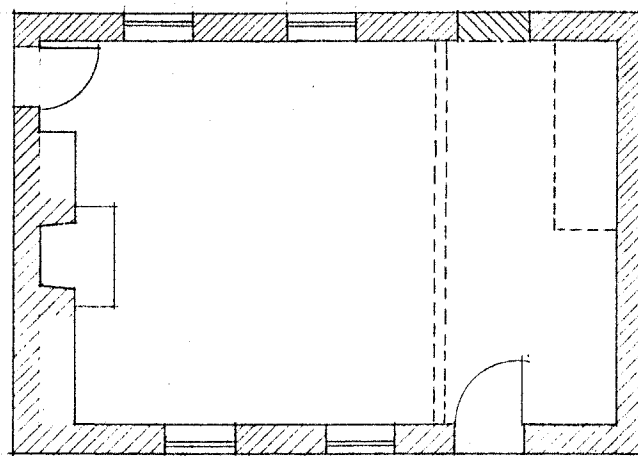
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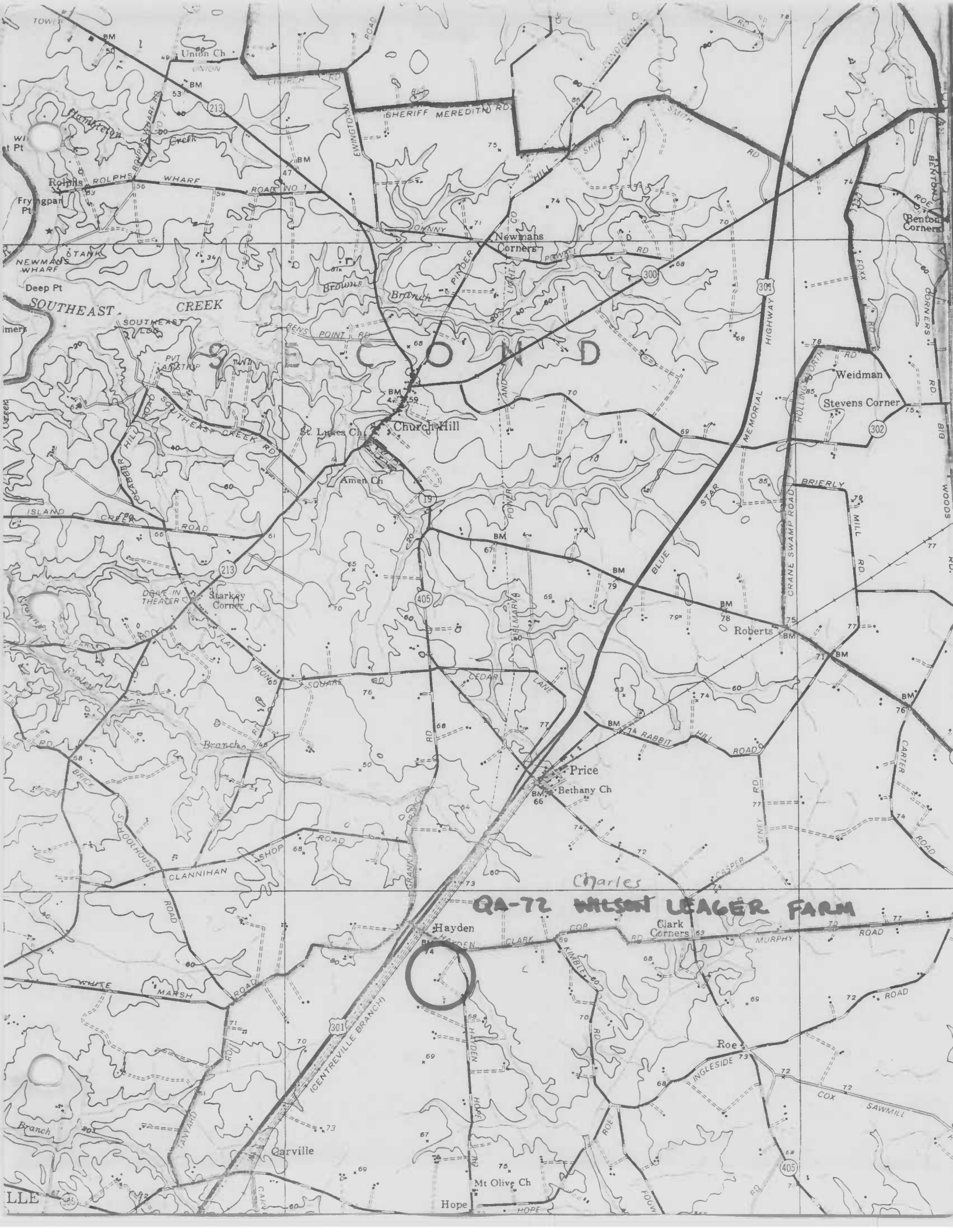


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CHARLES LEAGER FARM
HAYDEN, MARYLAND

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Wilson Leager Farm
Hayden, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Front facade from East



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Wilson Leager Farm
Hayden, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Rear facade from West



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Wilson Leager Farm
Hayden, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Meat House